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**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

The Honorable William M. Nickerson  
United States District Court  
for the District of Maryland  
101 W. Lombard Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Re: *REQUEST TO DELAY TRIAL ONE DAY: US v. John Rachel, et al., Case No:  
WMN 02 CV 754*

Dear Judge Nickerson:

We are writing to request that the Court delay the trial of this matter by one day, so that it will commence on October 7, 2003 instead of October 6, 2003. October 6 is Yom Kippur and therefore is unavailable to counsel and witnesses. We apologize to the Court for the confusion. The holiday did not appear on counsel's electronic calendar which counsel used when scheduling the matter.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Tolchin

cc: Ms. Tamara Fine

APPROVED *EDWARD J. TOLCHIN* 2/21/03  
OF *February 21, 2003*  
*Edward J. Tolchin*  
SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

*EDWARD J. TOLCHIN*